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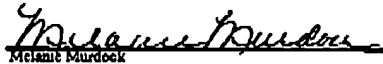
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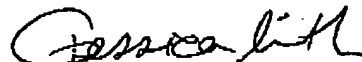
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	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>File Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
1.	09/858,099	May 15, 2001	Common Protection Architecture for Optical Network
2.	09/858,098	May 15, 2001	Optical Shared Protection Ring for Multiple Spans

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	B	US	5442623	08/1995	Wu	
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	F	US	5884017	03/16/1999	Fee, et al.	
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